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Organization

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units is included in the attached charts. /See Enclosures
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Weapons and Equipment

- 50X1 2. [] unable to furnish any information on the following
subjects:

- (a) Standard, new or anti-tank weapons
- (b) Ammunition
- (c) Vehicles or armored vehicles
- (d) Marksmanship or firing techniques
- (e) Organic army aviation

- 50X1 3. The only method [] for the prevention of mass trench
foot in winter warfare is to make frequent changes of
the footwraps (portyanki).

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Supply and Maintenance

4. The following equipment was issued to medical officers:

- 1 officer's belt (leather)
- 1 pistol holster (leather)
- 1 7.62-mm TT1933 "Tokarev" pistol, 16 rounds ammunition
- 1 officer's field bag with map case

50X1 [redacted] At that time an order was issued by higher medical headquarters to turn it in. No reason was given for the order. When [redacted]

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5. The clothing issued to medical officers was as follows:

- 1 full dress uniform (1 every 4 years)
- 1 khaki coat with high collar (1 every 3 years)
- 1 pr dark blue wool trousers (1 pr per year)
- 1 summer (cotton) field officers' shirt (1 per year)
- 1 cap with visor (summer and winter)(1 every 3 years)
- 1 winter cap with earflaps (1 every 4 years)
- 1 raincoat (1 every 3 years)
- 1 wool overcoat (1 every 3 years)
- 1 pr kid leather boots (kid and cowhide boots issued alternately every year)
- 1 pr cowhide boots
- 2 pr summer underwear (2 pr per year)
- 2 pr winter underwear (2 pr per year)
- 2 pr wool foot wraps (portyanki)(2 pr per year)
- 2 pr (complete) shoulderboards (2 pr per year)

50X1 All items of clothing are the officer's personal property and need not be turned in either for salvage or upon discharge. [redacted]

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6. The meals for officers are as follows:**(a) Breakfast is served from 0800 to 0900:**

Hamburger, goulash, fish or herring	- grams unknown
Macaroni or potatoes	- grams unknown
Bread	- unlimited
Butter	- 50 grams
Tea with a little sugar	- unlimited quantity of tea, but sugar with first cup only; grams unknown
Cookies	- grams unknown

(b) Dinner is served from 1500 to 1600 hours:

Borshch or cabbage soup	- grams unknown
or	
Meat, fish or goulash	- grams unknown
Various vegetables	- grams unknown
Fruit salad	- grams unknown
Bread	- unlimited
Tomatoes, cucumbers or some sort of salad	- grams unknown

(c) Supper is served from 1900 until 2000 hours:

Meat or fish	- grams unknown
Potatoes or macaroni	- grams unknown
Bread	- unlimited
Butter	- 50 grams
Cookies	- grams unknown
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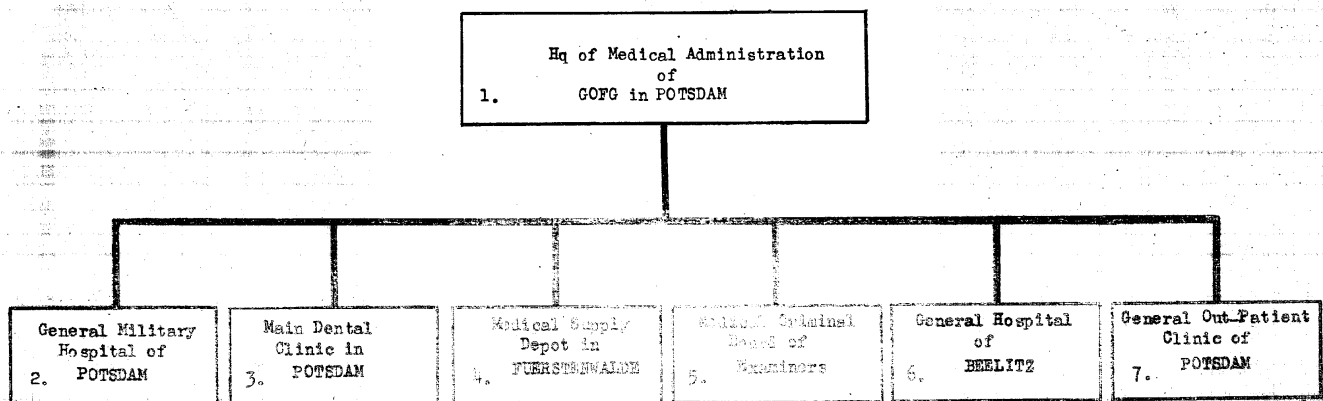
occasionally asked for additional butter and was told that only 100 grams were allowed per person per day. Food is issued in fixed portions, and if an officer desires additional food he must purchase it for a fixed price, at a special counter, in the mess hall. Each officer was obliged to pay each month for the waiter service performed by seven enlisted men.

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- ENCLOSURE (A): T/O of Medical Administration Headquarter and Subordinate Units of GOFG in Potsdam
 (B): T/O of General Military Hospital, Potsdam
 (C): T/O of Main Dental Clinic of GOFG, Potsdam
 (D): Location of Military Installations in Potsdam

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Medical Administration Hq of GOFG in POTSDAM (5224L1304E)



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~~SECRET~~/SECURITY INFORMATIONMedical Administration Hq of GOFG in POTSDAM (5224E-1304E)Legend

1. The Medical Administration Hq of GOFG in POTSDAM comprised the following officers:

Commanding General	-	Brig Gen
Deputy CO and Medical Administrator	-	Col
Zampolit (Political Deputy)	-	Col
Chief of Medical Staff	-	Lt Col (this officer controls all medical activities of GOFG)

Chief of Mobilization Section	-	Unk
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Note: The Mobilization Section is a top secret office since [redacted] many medical officers asking each other about it but no one seemed to know who is in charge of it or its functions.

Secret Documents Section	-	Lt
Chief of Medical Supplies	-	Lt Col (this officer is in charge and responsible for all medical supplies of GOFG)

Awards Section	-	Unk
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Note: The Awards Section keeps records on all medical personnel who are entitled to receive medals. Officers and EM are entitled to a medal of merit upon serving 10 years and the Order of the Red Star upon completion of 15 years service. This section issues medals to medical personnel only. [redacted]

Leave Authorization Section	-	Unk
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Note: The Leave Authorization Section issues leaves to the USSR to medical personnel only (military and Soviet civilians of GOFG). The section recommends leaves of medical personnel to higher headquarters of GOFG and, upon approval of the higher headquarters, issues the leaves.

Patients do not receive their leaves or medals from medical units. They receive them at their respective units. The Medical Administration can not authorize leaves to patients.

[redacted] the Medical Administration Hq had many other sections

2. See Annex 2 for information on the General Military Hospital of POTSDAM, subordinated to the Medical Administration Hq of GOFG in POTSDAM.

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3. See Annex 3 for information on the Main Dental Clinic in POTSDAM, subordinated to the Medical Administration Hq of GOFG in POTSDAM.

4. See Annex 4 for information on Medical Supply Depot in FUERSTENWALDE, (5222N-1404E) subordinated to the Medical Administration Hq of GOFG in POTSDAM. Also see reply to Standard Brief No. 4.

5. Medical Criminal Board of Examiners: Its function is to examine and determine sickness or death due to unnatural causes and to report such to the Kommandatura or Counterintelligence Office.

6. General Hospital of BEELITZ:

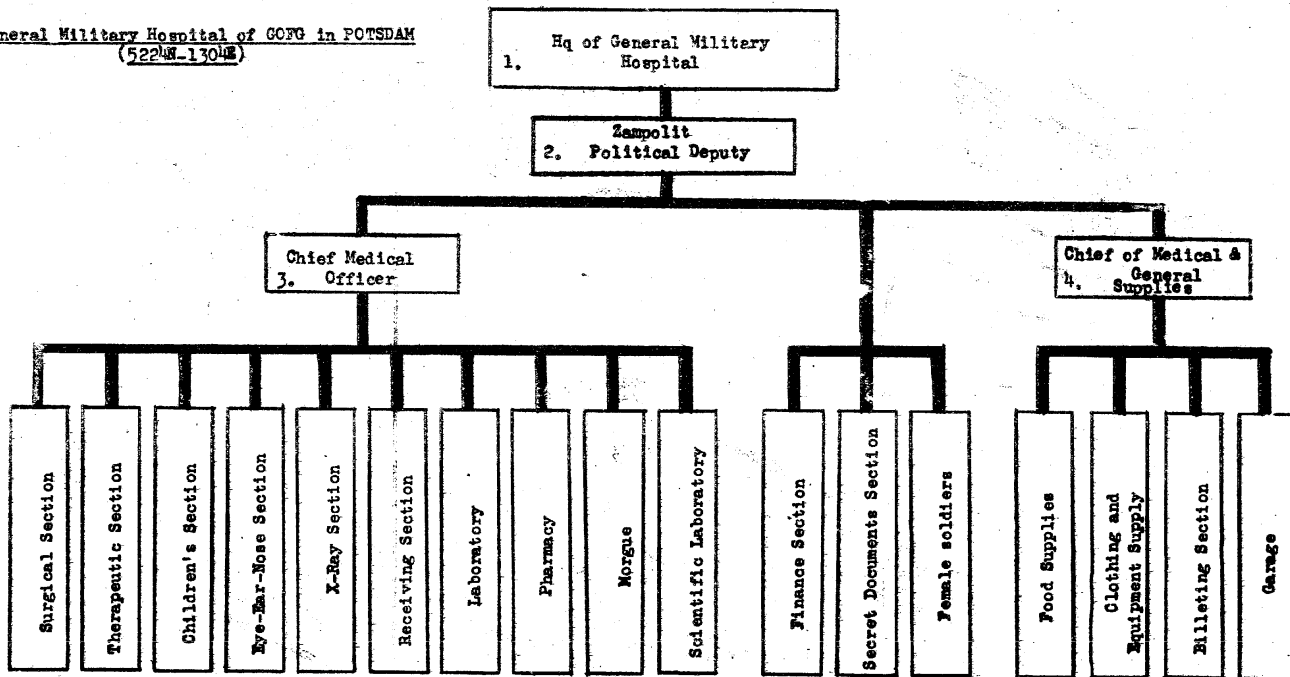
7. General Out-Patient Clinic of POTSDAM:

Commanding Officer	- Lt Col
Chief of Surgical Section	- Maj (staff & functions unk)
Chief of Therapeutic Section	- Maj (staff & functions unk)
Chief of Skin Diseases & Venereal Section	- Maj (staff & functions unk)
Chief of Secret Documents Section	- Lt (staff & functions unk)
Chief of Supply Section	- Capt (staff & functions unk)
Chief of Registration Section	- Soviet civilian (female)
Garage: 2 drivers - 1 Soviet soldier and 1 Soviet civilian (male)	
1 passenger car (model unk)	
1 ambulance (model unk)	

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General Military Hospital of GORC in POTSDAM
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General Military Hospital of GORP in POTSDAM (5224N-1304E)Legend

1. Headquarters CO - Col
2. Zampolit Deputy CO - Lt Col (this officer is also deputy to the CO, and the Chief Medical Officer and Chief of Medical Supplies are subordinated to him)
3. Chief Medical Officer - Lt Col

Subordinated to the Chief Medical Officer are the following:

Chief of Surgical Section - Lt Col

Chief Surgeon - Maj

Note: In this section there were also various assistants (Soviet male and female civilians), [redacted]

Chief of Therapeutic Section - Lt Col (staff and functions unk)

Chief of Children's Section - Unk (staff and functions unk)

Eye-Ear-Nose Section - Unk (staff and functions unk)

X-Ray Section - Unk (staff and functions unk)

Receiving Section - Soviet civilian - female (staff and functions unk)

Note: This section makes the diagnosis and determines disease.

Laboratory - Unk (staff and functions unk)

Pharmacy - Lt

Assistant - Lt

Note: This section also has various assistants but [redacted]

Morgue - Unk (staff and functions unk)

Scientific Laboratory - Unk (staff and functions unk)

Subordinated to the Political Deputy and to the CO are the following:

Chief of Finance Section - Maj

Assistant - Soviet civilian (female)

Chief of Secret Documents Section - Lt

Assistant - 1 Soviet civilian (male)

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Female soldiers (number unk): These work in various wards of the hospital and are directly subordinated to the Political Deputy and CO of the hospital.

Note: [redacted] there are female soldiers in medical units.

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unk) the Voenkomats called females (age approximately 20-21 years) and asked for enlistments in the army for 3 years service in the Sov Zone of Germany. The Voenkomats told them that while in the Sov Zone of Germany they would receive the following benefits: Good quarters, good food, good pay, privileges of Soviet civilians in the Sov Zone of Germany, such as permission to go to town on off-duty hours, wear civilian dresses, etc. The Voenkomats also told them that they would wear uniforms but would actually be treated as Soviet civilian females. Upon arrival in the Sov Zone of Germany and after being assigned to the Main Dental Clinic,

50X1 [redacted] assistant started to show her dissatisfaction with the Voenkomats' promises and said that they were not the truth, except for the pay which the female soldiers received and which amounted to 300 East Marks per month. As for the rest of the promises, they were not kept. The restrictions for female soldiers were the same as for male soldiers in every respect. They had to undergo training the same as male soldiers, except that they did not train with weapons and were not equipped with them.

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4. Chief of Medical & General Supplies for the Hospital - Maj

Subordinated to the Chief of Medical & General Supplies are the following:

Chief of Food Supplies - Lt (in charge of officers, RM messes and general food supply)

Assistant - Lt

2 bakers - Soviet civilians (male)

4 cooks - Soviet civilians (female)

3 waitresses - German (female)

3 dishwashers - German (female)

Kitchen help - Soviet civilians (female-number unk)

2 supply room workers - Soviet civilians (female)

Chief of Clothing & Equipment - Lt

Assistants - 1 clerk (Soviet civilian-female)
1 worker (Soviet civilian-female)

Billeting Officer & CO of Female Soldiers - Lt (staff and functions unk)

Garage - 1 passenger car (type unk)
1 driver (Soviet civilian - male)

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- 1 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck (type unk)
- 1 driver (Soviet soldier)

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there are approximately 250 beds in use in the Children's, Therapeutic, Surgical and Eye-Ear-Nose Sections, and that in the event of an emergency the hospital could expand to accommodate 1,000 beds. [redacted]

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[redacted] approximately 200 people are employed in it and that about 90% of them are either military or Soviet civilian personnel and about 10% German.

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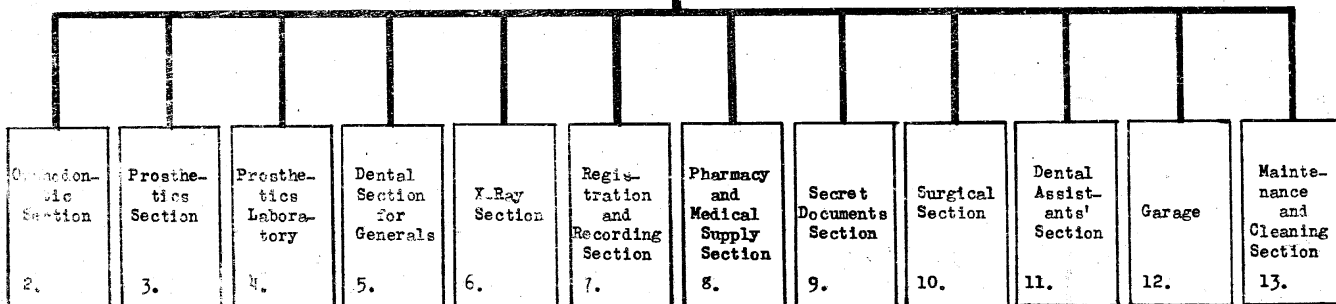
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Main Dental Clinic of GONG in POTSDAM (5224N 1304E)

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Hq of Main Dental Clinic
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Main Dental Clinic of GOFG in POTSDAM (5224N-1304E)

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|---|---|
| 1. CO | - Lt Col |
| 2. Chief of Orthodontic Section | - Lt |
| Dentists | - 2 Soviet civilians (male) |
| Assistants | - 1 Soviet civilian (female)
1 German (female) |
| 3. Chief of Dental Prosthetics Section | - Capt |
| Doctor of Prosthetics | - Maj |
| Assistants | - 1 Soviet civilian (female)
1 German (female) |
| 4. Chief of Prosthetics Laboratory | - Sr Lt |
| Dental technicians | - 1 Lt
2 Sov civilians (female)
1 soldier (female)
3 Germans (male)
1 German (female) |
| 5. Dental Section for Generals only | - Lt Col (CO) |
| 6. Chief of X-Ray Section | - 1 German (female) |
| 7. Chief of Registration & Recording Section | - 1 Sov civilian (female) |
| 8. Pharmacy & Medical Supply Section | - 1 Sov civilian (female) |
| 9. Chief of Secret Documents Section | - 1 Sov civilian (female) |
| 10. Surgical Section | - 1 Sov civilian (female) |
| <u>Note:</u> Surgical work performed by the Doctors of Orthodontic Section. | |
| 11. Dental Assistants' Section | - 2 Sov civilians (female) |
| 12. Garage | - 1 4-passenger car (type unk)
1 driver (Sov civilian-male) |
| 13. Maintenance & Cleaning Section | - 3 Germans (male)
5 Germans (female)
1 watchman |

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approximately 1,000 patients attend the Dental Clinic monthly. About 60% of the patients visit the General Treatment Section (filling, cleaning, extraction, etc.), about 30% for prosthesis and 10% for surgery.

Priority is as follows: Military personnel first, Soviet civilians who are working for GOFG next, and then dependents. Approximately 90% of the people of USSR have bad teeth; these are caused by lack of vitamins, proper food, toothpaste and toothbrushes. The condition was very evident during World War II.

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[] unit did not have a Zampolit as all political activities were performed by a Zampolit from the General Military Hospital. Also, [] unit did not have a Deputy CO as my CO did not trust anyone.

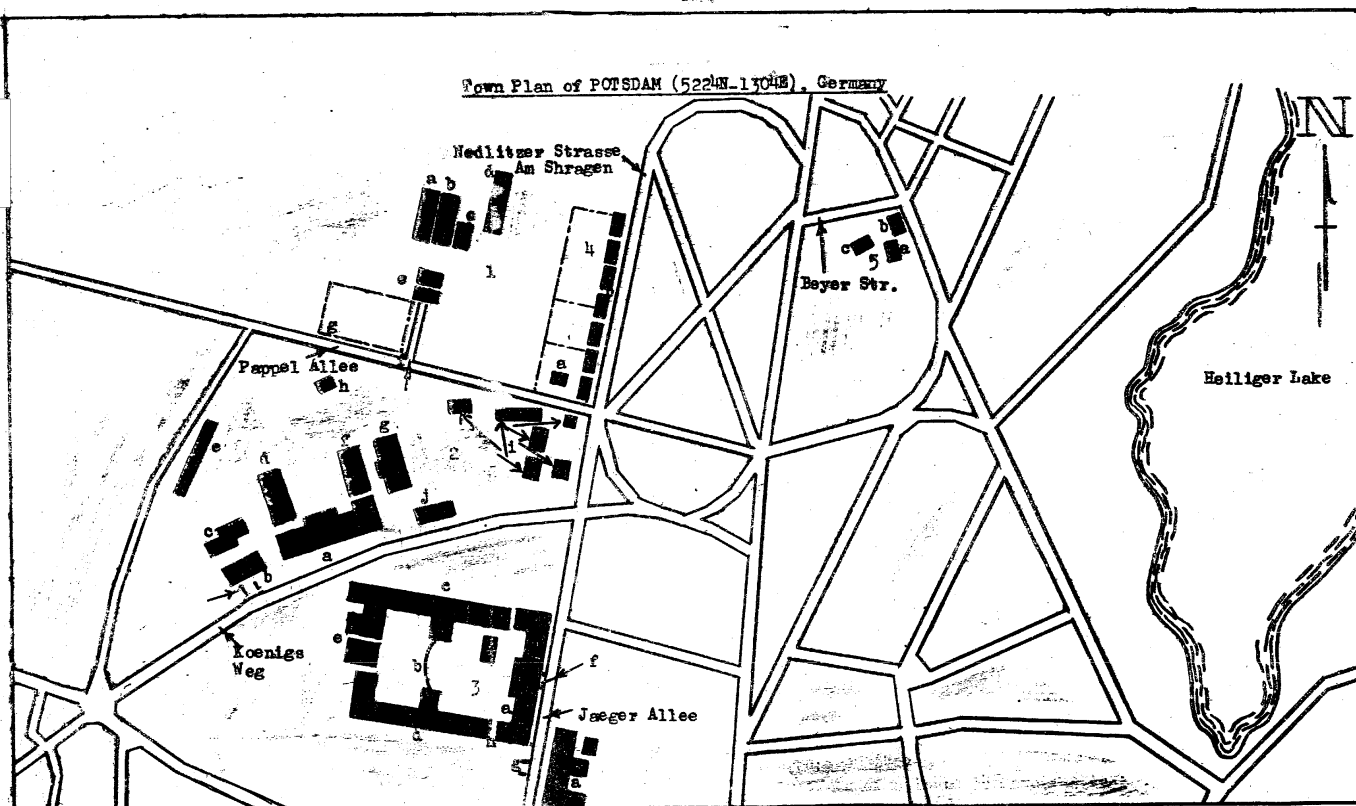
Note: No specific number of square meters were assigned as living quarters for officers in medical units - only a room per person. In some cases there were two persons assigned to a room, 7 officers of the Main Dental Clinic lived in building B (See sketch of POTSDAM - Annex 4).

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Town Plan of POTSDAM (5234N-1304E), GermanyLegend1. 1st Military Compound of POTSDAM - Office of CG of GOFG

- a. Hq of CG of Rear Services of GOFG: two-story gray brick building, approximately 45 x 30 m
- b. Officers' personnel section of Rear Services of GOFG: two-story gray brick building, approximately 45 x 30 m
- c. Medical administration building of GOFG: three-story gray brick structure, approximately 40 x 30 m
- d. Quartermaster administration building of GOFG: two-story gray brick structure, approximately 45 x 30 m
- e. Main gate guardhouse: one-story gray brick building (size unk); there were two men on guard constantly; at times a counter-intelligence or kommandatura officer made check
- f. Entrance to 1st Military Compound on Pappel Allee
- g. Athletic field

The compound is fenced in on the side of Jaeger Allee by a stone wall 2 1/2 m high.

2. General Military Hospital of GOFG in POTSDAM

- a. Surgical and Therapeutic Wards, and Pharmacy: three-story red brick building, approximately 70-75 x 30 m; the basement is used as storage for clothing and equipment
- b. Main entrance to the hospital, and reception room: three-story red brick building, approximately 45 x 25 m
- c. Kitchen for patients:
it contained a specially-constructed kitchen.
- d. Eye-Ear-Nose Section: one-story red brick building 55 x 30 m
- e. Headquarters of the hospital, theatre, lecture hall, library, meeting-hall, etc: one story red brick building, approximately 80 x 25 m; this structure was utilized by members of the hospital (officers and EN) and by the patients.
- f. Officers' mess, kitchen and food storage: one-story red brick building, approximately 50 x 35 m
- g. Children's Section: one-story red brick building, approximately 35 x 25 m
- h. Anatomical Section (morgue): one-story red brick building, 30 x 20m
- i. Billets for female workers who are working in the hospital as orderlies, kitchen-helpers, doctors' assistants, housekeepers, etc.: one of the houses was utilized as a laboratory for the purpose of conducting various experiments

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in scientific research on dogs

- j. Officers billets: two-story red brick building, approximately 35 x 20 m

The compound is surrounded by a stone wall and metal fence $2\frac{1}{2}$ m high; approximately 3/4 of the wall is of stone, and about 1/4 of some sort of metal.

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3. Signal Regiment and Guardhouse for Officers and EM of GOFG in POTSDAM

- a. Soldiers' barracks: three or four-story gray brick building (source is not certain of height), approximately 100 m long (width of barracks and number of soldiers quartered in them unk). the building houses EM

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- b. Arch: approximately 12 m high of gray brick construction, connecting buildings c. and d.

- c. Guardhouse for officers and EM of POTSDAM garrison: consists of various small prison-like rooms.

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that it is an old German military guardhouse; the cells are divided as follows: one for a single person, one for two persons, one for three persons, and four for five persons. There are usually approximately 20 officers and 20 EM in the guardhouse. The guards consist of 1 Sr Lt and 6 EM - usually one guard at the post and the others in the office.

- d. Unidentified building of gray brick construction
- e. Unidentified building of gray brick construction
- f. Main entrance to soldiers' barracks (a. above)
- g. Entrance for vehicles (unguarded)
- h. Main entrance for vehicles into compound - one soldier on guard duty twenty-four hours a day

4. 3d Military Compound of POTSDAM

The compound contains billets for Soviet female soldiers of GOFG, and the Kommandatura and Counterintelligence Section for interrogation of Germans.

- a. Kommandatura Section: Two-story red brick building, with cellar, approximately 30 x 30 m

Note: This section issues passes for entrance into 1st and 3d Military Compounds. It is also a Counterintelligence Section where Germans are interrogated for various reasons.

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- b. Billets for Soviet female soldiers: seven similar two-story yellow brick buildings, approximately 30 x 30 m. the number of soldiers quartered in the billets

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[redacted] the compound, [redacted]
[redacted] was surrounded by a wooden fence 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ m high.

5. Main Dental Clinic of GDRG in POTSDAM

- a. Dental clinic: Two-story gray-yellow brick building, with cellar, approximately 45 x 30 m
- b. Officers billets: Two-story old gray brick building, approximately 35 x 25 m; also contained quarters for night watchman and his wife
- c. Garage: Gray brick building, approximately 30 x 30 m, accommodating one 4-passenger car (German), surrounded by a fence, partly wooden and partly metal, $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ m high.

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